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WAR NOTICE

Young Practitioners

The Central Medical War Committee has decided to deal centrally with the recruitment of R practitioners holding house appointments in voluntary and municipal hospitals —other than those in the senior establishments of such hospitals.

Steps have been taken to obtain from all voluntary and municipal hospitals in England and Wales statements of their peacetime establishments and their estimated wartime establishments in terms of house officers. The following definitions are employed:

1. *An R practitioner* is a practitioner who has registered under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939.

2. *A posts* are those whole-time resident house appointments at voluntary and municipal hospitals which are or can be occupied by practitioners without previous experience.

3. *B posts* are those whole-time posts, usually but not always resident, which cannot be occupied by practitioners without previous experience—that is, senior house-surgeons and physicians, casualty officers, resident surgical and medical officers, registrars and other officers intermediate between the junior house officer and the member of the visiting staff, or, in the case of the municipal hospital, intermediate between the junior house officer, if any, and the medical superintendent.

4. *Some B posts* are part of the hospital senior establishment. At voluntary hospitals such senior posts are typically those of resident surgical officer, resident medical officer, registrar, chief assistant.

At the municipal hospital the senior establishment is comprised of those B appointments with a tenure of more than one year, and carrying with them a salary of £350 a year with emoluments, or more. These senior B posts are called Bi posts.

The hospitals of the country have been asked to state their establishments in terms of A posts and B posts; these establishments are being passed to Local Medical War Committees or, in the case of London, to the Committee of Reference for consideration. All holders of A and B posts, except those B posts which are within the senior establishment—the Bi posts—will be dealt with by the Central Medical War Committee. The holders of Bi posts will be dealt with by the Local Medical War Committee or the Committee of Reference in the first instance.

In future, as a man qualifies he will fall to be dealt with centrally until he, not having been recruited by the Central Committee, undertakes work in a local area or obtains a post on the senior establishment of a voluntary or municipal hospital.

CENTRAL MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE,
B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

The need for strict economy in the use of paper for all purposes was emphasized by the Control of Paper Order made by the Ministry of Supply, which came into force last month. In view of the restrictions now imposed on the use of paper, and the increase in the rates of postage which came into operation on May 1, it will no longer be possible to acknowledge the receipt of letters and memoranda, etc., offered to the *British Medical Journal* for publication. The space devoted to correspondence has had to be curtailed, and readers are urged once again to be concise in all communications addressed to the Editor.

RESOLUTIONS BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY

Correction

The Motion by Dover and Folkestone published in last week's *Supplement* at page 81 was printed in error. The motion was not adopted by the Division.

TREATMENT OF ARMY PERSONNEL BY CIVILIAN DOCTORS

It has been stated on behalf of the War Office that Forms O.1667 are being received by commanding officers from civilian doctors in respect of soldiers who are home on leave and reside within two miles of a military hospital. It should be noted that a member of the Defence Forces home on leave may apply to a civilian doctor for treatment only if he resides more than two miles from the nearest naval, military, or air force hospital. Civilian doctors who treat men residing within the two-mile radius will find that the accounts they submit on Form O.1667 will be returned by command paymasters as inadmissible.

REPAIRS TO WAR-DAMAGED HOSPITALS

A circular (No. 2021) on the subject of repairs to war-damaged hospital buildings has been issued by the Ministry of Health. All authorities of hospitals coming under the emergency scheme are entitled, if the hospital is damaged by enemy action, to take advantage of the provisions of the Essential Buildings and Plant (Repair of War Damage) Act, 1939, which enables loans to be made by the Government under certain conditions. The first of these conditions—that the building is essential to the civil population—will be regarded as satisfied in any Class 1 or Class 2 hospital, whether it is for the time being reserving casualty accommodation or not, and in any mental hospital or mental deficiency institution in which casualty beds are or can be made available.

When the money is lent no demand for repayment of capital or payment of interest will normally be made during the war, and after the war the charge will be linked up with the Government compensation scheme. But the procedure of applying for financial assistance may take a little time, and therefore authorities should so far as possible undertake to carry out immediate "first-aid" repairs themselves. If, apart from "first aid," essential repairs are required which the authority is unable to put in hand without assistance, its proper course, in the case of a local authority, is to apply to the Ministry for a loan, and for a voluntary hospital to apply to the housing authority for the work to be done by that authority, or alternatively for a loan whereby the hospital could do the work itself. If there is difficulty in obtaining immediate assistance from the housing authority the hospital may apply direct to the Ministry for assistance. It is also pointed out that it may be necessary, pending reconstruction of a damaged part of the hospital, for essential services such as the theatre to be transferred to an undamaged part, and in that case the hospital should do whatever work is essential, and a contribution will subsequently be made to the cost of such work. In the case of a voluntary hospital the whole cost will be met by the Department; in the case of a municipal hospital the contribution will be in accordance with Section 53 of the Civil Defence Act. As for buildings taken over by the Ministry, any necessary repairs will be carried out by and at the cost of the Government, but here again it may be necessary that the authority administering the hospital should put in hand immediately any essential repairs for the welfare of patients and the continuance of the service.

Detailed suggestions as to the lines on which hostels for evacuated school children should be planned by receiving authorities, under the extended powers announced in the Ministry's circular (No. 2017) of May 13, are contained in a memorandum (Memo EV.9) issued by the Minister of Health. The memorandum stresses the importance of proper staffing and supervision, and suggests that a local authority setting up a hostel should appoint a small visiting committee to inspect it at intervals. The memorandum indicates in detail the lines upon which local authorities are to proceed in selecting the children to be accommodated, premises, equipment, and domestic arrangements and staff. The importance of choosing experienced and suitable persons for work in the hostels, and above all for the post of warden, is emphasized. It is pointed out that provision must be made not merely for the board and lodging of the children but for an orderly and regular life, with the organization of their leisure as well as their school work.

Correspondence

Conscription of the Medical Profession

SIR,—Despite the strict limitation of space for correspondence I feel that the letter on page 82 of the *Supplement* of May 18 calls for comment from one who has been through it all once and even volunteered again—without success. Briefly:

1. Medicine should not be a "business venture"; it is supposed to be a profession. If not, why not?

2. Unfortunately, most practice has passed under the control of insurance companies, and the poor man is handicapped unless he can borrow. German colleagues have been amazed at this buying and selling of "panels"; they are not allowed to settle where there are no demands for their services.

3. During the last war men of the public health services usually had the difference between civilian and Army pay "made up" for them. Others had to start again, poorer.

4. There is obviously something wrong when one man has to pay out £925 before he has a profit! (See correspondence.)

5. My conclusion is that the bulk of the profession would have been far "better off" if there had been some form of National Medical Service. Financial worry would seem the lot of many. For what it is worth they have my sympathy, certainly not my sneers.—I am, etc.,

May 19. W. WILSON.

Medical Conscription at All Ages

SIR,—I would submit for your urgent consideration that the medical profession should immediately abandon the present system of volunteers and arrange that conscription be applied to whatever age may be necessary to fill the needs of the Services.

My personal position must be a common experience, but it is worth recording. I am 47 years of age with two children at school. I have no resources. I served in the last war and was severely wounded. I believe it is my duty to serve again, and I have taken the necessary steps. I am not, however, blind to the fact that none of my immediate competitors has taken the same step. They are mostly younger than I, and fitter; by some inscrutable fortune they escaped the last war too. I leave my living, trusting to the Protection of Practices Scheme but realizing the slender protection that will really afford, knowing that the years will increase my disabilities and that I shall return to warm myself before the ashes of a dead practice.

It is my conviction that conscription would tend to equalize sacrifice and would give us all a fair start when we have won this war. The present system places very unfair loads upon the willing horses.—I am, etc.,

London, May 14. M.R.C.S.

B.M.A.: Meetings of Branches and Divisions

DELHI BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Delhi Branch was held at New Delhi on March 27, with Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. D. MACGREGOR, *M.C.*, I.M.S., in the chair.

The following officers were elected:

President, Lieutenant-Colonel M. M. Cruickshank, I.M.S. *Vice-President*, Dr. Albert Batty. *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. S. N. Mitter.

Sir SHAH MUHAMMAD SULAIMAN, Judge of the Federal Court of India and Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, gave an address entitled "The Medico-Legal Conflict." He discussed the nature of medical evidence as experienced by a judge. The law had not kept pace with the advances in medicine, particularly with regard to insanity, where, he thought, an amendment of the law was necessary. Though his sympathies were with the doctors on this matter, judges had to administer the law as they found it and not as they wished it to be. In conclusion he begged his audience to consider the indigenous systems of medicine, which had a very rich materia medica, and hoped that the medical profession would rise above any narrow conservatism and find a mean to combine the good points of Eastern and Western medicine.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION

The annual meeting of the Bournemouth Division was held at Boscombe Hospital on April 24, with Mr. S. GORDON LUKER in the chair, and after routine matters had been dealt with Mr. ROSS SMITH spoke on "Recent Advances in Orthopaedic and Neurological Surgery," the talk being accompanied by lantern slides. After the address questions were asked by Drs. BUCKLEY and DIXON GREEN, and a very hearty vote of thanks was moved from the chair to Mr. Ross Smith for his interesting address, which was accorded with acclamation.

LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH: LINCOLN DIVISION

A general meeting of the Lincoln Division was held at Lincoln County Hospital on March 19, with Dr. GEORGE ARMOUR in the chair.

Dr. C. A. H. FRANKLYN opened a discussion on the difficulty of obtaining tuberculin-tested milk, and Dr. M. L. BERY replied. This was followed by a general discussion on the apparent waste of medical man-power in the Services, and the following motion was then proposed by Dr. FRANKLYN and seconded by Dr. SMITH: "That this Division views with alarm the number of medical practitioners available for service to the general public and the numbers provided for the fighting Forces. It is of opinion that the Services should not be lavishly equipped with doctors out of all proportion to their requirements at the expense of the civil population, particularly in view of the possibility of air raids in the near future." The motion was carried unanimously.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION

The annual general meeting of the North Northumberland Division was held at Belford on March 31, and was followed by a meeting to which all practitioners in the area of the Division were summoned for the election of the Local Medical War Committee. The following officers of the Division were elected:

Chairman, Dr. H. F. Park. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. J. A. Smail. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. D. T. McDonald. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. R. A. Welsh.

The meeting resolved to resume Divisional meetings in a modified way, and decided to hold three scientific meetings during the summer, at which subjects of general medical and surgical interest would be discussed. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with suitable speakers.

SUSSEX BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DIVISION

At a meeting of the West Sussex Division, held at Worthing on March 21, with Dr. C. GIBSON in the chair, Dr. J. R. REES gave an address on "The Emotional Difficulties of Childhood and Adolescence." After supper there was a long and lively discussion chiefly on nocturnal enuresis. A vote of thanks to Dr. Rees was proposed by Professor MILLAIS CULPIN and seconded by Dr. H. G. MCGREGOR.

A meeting of the West Sussex Division was held at Worthing on April 17, with Dr. CHARLES GIBSON in the chair. Dr. F. G. CHANDLER gave an address on "Emphysema and its Treatment," after which an interesting discussion took place. A vote of thanks to Dr. Chandler for his address was proposed by Dr. BROADBENT and seconded by Dr. HUTCHINSON.

B.M.A. LIBRARY

The following volumes were added to the Library during March, 1940:

American Medical Association: Medical Education, 1934–1939. 1940.
Bailey, H.: Physical Signs in Clinical Surgery. Seventh edition. 1940.
Barborka, G. J.: Treatment by Diet. Fourth edition. 1939.
Bartlett, F. C., *et al.* (Editors): Study of Society. 1939.
Curry, R.: Mechanism of the Human Voice. 1940.
Farnworth, M.: Roller and Triangular Bandaging. 1939.
Frazer, J. E.: Anatomy of the Human Skeleton. Fourth edition. 1940.
Girdlestone, G. R.: Tuberculosis of Bone and Joint. 1940.
Groves, E. W. Hey: Synopsis of Surgery. Eleventh edition. 1940.
Hamilton, J. B.: Guide to Ophthalmic Operation. 1940.
Henderson, D. K., and Gillespie, R. D.: Text-book of Psychiatry. Fifth edition. 1940.
Hooton, E. A.: Crime and the Man. 1939.
Hooton, E. A.: American Criminal. Volume 1. 1939.
Katz, B.: Electric Excitation of Nerve. 1939.
Lindhardt, M.: Statistics of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Denmark, 1925–1934. 1939.
Love, R. J. M.: Minor Surgery. 1940.
Noyes, A. P.: Modern Clinical Psychiatry. Second edition. 1939.
Plimmer, V. G.: Food Values at a Glance. Second edition. 1939.
Regamy, R.: Les Infections Humaines à *B. bipolaris septicus* (Pasteurelloses). 1939.
Scott, S. G.: Wide Field *X*-ray Treatment. 1939.
Semon, H. C. G., and Moritz, A.: Atlas of the Commoner Skin Diseases. Second edition. 1940.
Tenth International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy. Two volumes. 1939.
Thewlis, M. W.: Preclinical Medicine. 1939.
Thomson, H. H.: Tuberculosis and National Health. 1939.
Williams, G.: Minor Surgery. Twenty-second edition. 1940.
Wolf, W.: Endocrinology in Modern Practice. Second edition. 1939.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Lieutenants M. A. Rugg-Gunn, J. M. Holford, and S. H. R. Price to be Sugeon Lieutenant-Commanders.

Surgeon Lieutenant (Emergency) S. C. S. Cooke to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (Emergency).

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Acting Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander C. M. Lamont to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenant A. Ruffman to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE

Major-General W. R. Blackwell, C.B., C.M.G., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), late R.A.M.C., has relinquished the rank of Major-General at his own request whilst employed in the temporary rank of Colonel.

Colonel W. G. Monteith, D.S.O., O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., having attained the age limit for retirement, has been placed on retired pay.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Allison, M.C., from R.A.M.C., to be Colonel, with seniority December 26, 1937.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major R. F. Walker, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

The appointment of Lieutenant N. Altham has been antedated to August 23, 1938, under the provisions of Article 39, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1940, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to April 26, 1939. Lieutenant N. Altham to be Captain, with seniority August 23, 1939.

Lieutenants F. B. Lake and C. W. A. Hughes to be Captains.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

The following Flying Officers have been promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant with seniorities as indicated in parentheses: D. W. Browne, D. A. H. Robson, and G. K. Taylor (April 3, 1939); W. N. Whiteside (April 11, 1939); F. E. Bamford and D. C. Light (May 3, 1939).

Miss Marjorie M. Dobson has been appointed as a Medical Officer with the relative rank of Flying Officer.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

The following have been granted commissions as Flying Officers for the duration of hostilities: D. L. Bennett, P. M. Davies, A. R. Farmer, A. M. Goldthorpe, B. H. Goodrich, D. R. Gray, J. F. J. Hickey, R. W. Lass, L. M. Magurk, E. W. Melvin, M. Rassin, and G. A. Scott.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The notification regarding Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. Stevenson, D.S.O., in the *London Gazette* of May 3, 1940, has been cancelled.

Captain J. H. Boag, M.C., has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Majors C. B. Macleod and J. N. Russell have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health, and retained their rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Captain L. E. Gardiner has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health, and retained his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

The following Lieutenants to be Captains, with seniorities as indicated in parentheses: G. S. Midgley (November 8, 1938); J. C. Summ (November 15, 1938); G. A. Guthrie (October 17, 1939).

Lieutenant J. S. McConnachie to be Captain, with seniority November 17, 1938, next below Captain G. C. Pether.

Lieutenant A. W. Ruffan to be Captain, with seniority November 17, 1938, next above Captain E. Foster.

Lieutenant F. M. Newnham has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captains A. Menzies and C. Shaw-Crisp have ceased to belong to the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Captain (War Substantive Major) F. W. Crook, from R.A.M.C., Territorial Army, to be Captain (War Substantive Major), with seniority June 18, 1933.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

J. R. Murray to be Lieutenant (without pay and allowances) and has been granted the unpaid acting rank of Major.

A. J. Clark, M.C., F.R.S., to be Lieutenant.

The surname of Lieutenant G. Dalley is as now described, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of April 5, 1940.

Lieutenant R. D. Owens has relinquished his commission.

Lieutenants J. Fahy, L. B. Blomfield, F. G. Macdonald, F. J. McDermott, E. Gallep, C. L. Blacklock, and F. G. Greenwood have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health.

To be Lieutenants: G. D. McIntosh, J. M. L. Mitchell, W. Reid, A. R. Newcombe, H. K. Lucas, H. A. Forrester, D. B. Seymour-Price, J. J. M. Jacobs, H. M. Moran, R. A. Strang, A. G. Fergusson, W. Williams, W. Dougall, D. A. Naismith, J. D. Wade, R. Marcus, G. E. Hughes, J. A. McKenzie, S. Newman, W. L. Cowardin, N. St. J. G. D. Buxton, F. W. Robinson, W. B. Morton, G. N. M. Wishart, E. T. Shennan, J. M. W. Gibson, J. B. Ashmore, A. C. Ferguson, W. A. Flynn, S. W. Gillman, D. G. L. Lackie, J. A. Malloch, W. S. Russell, T. J. Sumner, J. W. A. Dennis, G. H. P. John, C. V. Lewis, C. T. Mercer, L. H. Howells, G. S. M. Mackintosh, G. C. A. Jackson, H. Aitken, L. H. Allan, W. K. N. Brown, R. Y. Bullock, D. M. Campbell, J. Campbell, W. S. Cowan, E. M. Griffin, M. M. Kriseman, A. Lucas, H. O. Lyne, A. J. S. McFadzean, T. M. McQuaid, E. B. Z. Masterman, B. Mayne, W. Sandford, H. B. Slater, J. H. Stewart, J. N. Threlfall, C. Abraham, R. F. Barbour, W. R. Bion, L. F. Browne, J. E. S. Carmichael, M. V. H. Denton, J. Duguid, G. M. Evans, A. C. Jepson, H. Foster, E. C. Fountaine, J. A. Glover, W. E. Glover, V. B. Goldman, R. B. Henderson, T. C. Hunt, R. G. H. Jones, A. Lister, L. H. MacDonald, I. C. Middleton, T. F. Rodger, G. R. Staley, T. I. Watkins, A. E. Wilkinson, M. Markowe, G. A. Stephen, J. C. Davison, A. Watson, J. Boyd, H. G. Taylor, W. Bullock, S. Franks, R. S. Hooper, T. J. MacCormac, I. Douglas-Wilson, C. H. Blackham, J. Garden, W. O. James, A. Hunter, J. Milne, T. B. Milne, R. Paul, J. D. O'D. Lavertine, E. de C. Kite, A. H. Snalam, K. C. Dixon, F. G. Winterton, P. H. Davison, C. A. Aymer, A. Brebner, E. R. Boland, H. R. Lillie, A. S. Spence, J. McK. Johnstone, J. H. Fisher, A. C. MacLeod, G. N. Wilson, R. L. H. Harris, G. S. M. Wilson, C. X. Ruhen, H. B. Thomson, W. R. S. Cowe, M. Ferguson, D. D. A. Fraser, B. Lennox, J. M. Lynham, I. R. I. MacDonald, B. Moore, J. M. Muir, R. Webster, G. H. Berry, C. G. Robertson, J. W. Crawford, W. N. Darling, P. J. Jory, C. H. Keller, W. E. Smith, A. D. Wall, H. Firman, E. Lanzon, H. A. Cole, J. Pyle, D. S. Dick, J. R. Esplen, T. K. Howat, J. L. Hunter, C. S. M. Hutson, W. Johnstone, G. M. Jolly, M. McLearie, D. H. R. Montgomery, J. C. Mustarde, C. F. W. de Saram, H. Proctor, A. R. Ralley, E. Ratner, B. G. Wells, A. Brown, L. Couper, R. Montgomery, J. H. Murray, H. J. Phin, W. M. Walsh, G. F. Allan, W. Bain, P. McF. Kelly, C. B. MacCarthy, R. Makin, H. B. M. Murphy, M. B. O'Neill, J. Brown, D. O. Davies, J. R. A. Martin, A. M. Ogilvie, D. McArthur.

To be Medical Officers, with the relative rank of Lieutenant: Mary C. Conlin, Janet E. Leng, Robina M. D. Morrell, Faith M. Rees, Beatrice L. Campion, Mary E. J. Thornton, Josephine H. Campbell, Margaret M. Baddeley, and Jean S. Taylor.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

The services of Colonel D. H. Rai, M.C., have been replaced at the disposal of the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar, with effect from March 11.

Colonel J. Taylor C.I.E., D.S.O., Director, Central Research Institute, Kasauli, has been granted leave on average pay for one month and twenty-six days combined with leave on half average pay for five days, with effect from April 15.

The following Lieutenant-Colonels to be Colonels, with seniorities as indicated in parentheses: R. V. Martin, C.I.E. (January 26, 1936); A. C. L. O'S. Bilderbeck (July 31, 1936).

Brevet-Colonel J. W. Vanreenen, O.B.E., to be Colonel, with seniority July 31, 1936.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. M. Cruickshank, F.R.S.(Ed.), Superintendent, Government General Hospital, Professor of Surgery, Medical College, and Specialist (Senior) in Surgery, Madras, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer, Delhi, with effect from March 9.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. D. MacGregor, C.I.E., an Agency Surgeon, has been appointed as an Additional Medical Officer at the Irwin Hospital, New Delhi, with effect from March 10.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Cotter has been confirmed in the appointment of Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, with effect from August 30, 1939.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Webster, M.C., Assistant Director, Central Research Institute, Kasauli, has been appointed to officiate as Director of that Institute.

Lieutenant-Colonels J. P. Canteenvalla, B. Z. Shah, and M. L. Puri have retired from the Service.

The promotion to the present rank of Major P. V. Karamchandani, previously notified, has been antedated from February 26, 1934, to August 26, 1933. He qualified for accelerated promotion on May 26, 1939.

Major F. H. Whyte has been appointed to the post of Civil Surgeon, Simla West, with effect from April 22.

Major A. N. Chopra, Superintendent, Central Jail, Jubbulpore, has been appointed temporarily as Additional Assistant Director-General, Indian Medical Service, with effect from March 20.

Captain C. L. Greening, an officer of the Medical Research Department, has been appointed to officiate as Assistant Director, Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

Captain H. A. Ledgard has been appointed to officiate as an Agency Surgeon, with effect from April 1, and has been posted as Residency Surgeon, Kashmir, with effect from the same date.

Captain H. L. Khosla has retired from the service with a gratuity.

Lieutenant A. N. Roy to be Captain.

Shri Rameshwar to be Captain (on probation), with seniority from March 5, 1936.

L. Nanjkeolyar and B. L. Kapoor to be Lieutenants (on probation).

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following appointments are announced: G. P. Merson, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Zanzibar; V. L. Ferguson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. and H., Deputy Director of Medical Services, Trinidad; E. M. Fraser, M.B., Ch.B., and W. N. Greer, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. and H., Senior Medical Officers, Gold Coast.

Dr. E. W. Rees Jones, medical officer of health for Blackpool, is to retire in July on reaching the age limit. Dr. Rees Jones has held this post for over thirty-one years.

Postgraduate News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following postgraduate courses: (1) M.R.C.P. course in neurology at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Monday to Friday afternoons from June 3 to 14; (2) proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, all day, from July 15 to 19.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations; 1.30 to 2 p.m., Post-mortem demonstration. *Mon.*, 10 a.m., Opening of special course on War Medicine. *Tues.*, 2.30 p.m., Ward Clinic, Sir Walter Langdon-Brown. *Wed.*, 11.30 a.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Medical); 2 p.m., Bacteriology and Diagnosis of Venereal Diseases (Gonorrhoea), The Hon. T. C. Stamp; 3 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Surgical). *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Radiological Conference, Dr. Duncan White. *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Gynaecological); 2.30 p.m., Sterility Clinic, Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*London Chest Hospital*, Victoria Park, E.—Wed. and Fri., 6 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Heart and Lung Diseases.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Odontology.—Mon., 5 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and council for 1940-1. Paper by Sir Frank Colyer: A Note on Dental Variations in Preuss's Colobus. Report on new specimens received in Odontological Museum of Royal College of Surgeons during past year will be given by Sir Frank Colyer.

Section of Radiology.—Fri., 6 p.m. At 32, Welbeck Street, W. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and council for 1940-1.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, 21, Albemarle Street, W.—*Tues.*, 5.15 p.m. Prof. V. H. Mottram: Food and the Housewife. *Fri.*, 9 p.m. Prof. W. W. C. Topley, F.R.S.: Bacteria in the Air.

WEST KENT MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Miller General Hospital, Greenwich, S.E., *Thurs.*, 4 p.m. Annual meeting. Purvis Oration by Sir Walter Langdon-Brown: Salt and Water.

VACANCIES

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: Ventnor (Isle of Wight); Faversham (Kent); Hounslow (Middlesex); Breage (Cornwall). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Cleland House, Page Street, S.W.1, by June 4.

APPOINTMENTS

KEANE, C. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent, Northampton County Mental Hospital, Berrywood, Northampton.

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—K. P. D. Griffiths, L.M.S.S.A., for the Llanwrtyd Wells District (Breconshire); W. H. McGranahan, M.B., Ch.B., for the Knowbury District (Shropshire).

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—The following promotion in the Council's mental health services at the hospital indicated in parentheses is announced: *Deputy Medical Superintendent* (temporary rank), L. T. Hilliard, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M. (Fountain).

Diary of B.M.A. Central Meetings

JUNE

12 Wed. **Council**, 10 a.m.

B.M.A.: Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

DUNDEE BRANCH.—At University College, Dundee, Friday, May 31, 4.30 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

DUNDEE BRANCH: CITY OF DUNDEE AND COUNTY OF ANGUS DIVISIONS.—At University College, Dundee, Friday, May 31, 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—At Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 39, Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow, Wednesday, May 29, 3.30 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Bolingbroke Grove, S.W., Monday, May 27, 3 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH.—At Whitla Medical Institute, Belfast, Thursday, May 30, 12.30 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—At Swansea General Hospital, Thursday, May 30, 8.15 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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DEATH

KELYNACK.—On May 17, 1940, at Harpenden, Violet Kelynack, M.B., Ch.B., wife of T. N. Kelynack, M.D., J.P.

RAMSAY.—On May 15, at Doncaster, Freda Ramsay, M.B., B.S.(Dunelm), M.D., D.P.H., D.O.M.S.